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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The full stenographic report of the Annual Public Meeting of the American Peace Society will be given in our July issue. We had expected to give it in this number, but the Washington Conference report has taken all our space with twelve pages added. The addresses given at the Annual Public Meeting by Dr. E. E. Hale, Dr. Lyman Abbott and President Francis A. Walker were so exceptionally good that they will lose nothing in interest by the delay.

The two numbers of the *ADVOCATE*, May and June, containing the full report of the Washington Conference may be had for 25 cents. Send for copies for your friends.

The Committee of five, consisting of ex-Senator Edmunds, President James B. Angell, Mr. Gardiner G. Hubbard, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, and Mr. Henry Hitchcock, appointed at the Washington Arbitration Conference to present to President Cleveland a memorial embodying the preamble and resolutions adopted by the Conference, had an interview with the President on the 14th of May. Mr. Cleveland expressed himself as strongly committed to the doctrine of arbitration and as highly pleased with the wisdom and moderation of the resolutions presented to him by the Committee. He had noted with pleasure and surprise the high character of the members of the Conference, and promised to be ready to utilize all proper occasions for the accomplishment of the end had in view by the Convention.

The permanent Committee of twenty-seven appointed at the Washington Arbitration Conference to further promote the purposes of the Conference met in New York on the 20th of May, to organize. William E. Dodge was chosen chairman and Professor J. B. Moore secretary. An Executive Committee was created consisting of Hon. John W. Foster, Mr. Herbert Welsh, Judge Simeon E. Baldwin, Hon. Gardiner G. Hubbard, Dr. L. T. Chamberlain, Mr. George L. Rives, and the Chairman and Secretary. The committee is to meet again at an early date in Washington, to urge the establishment of a permanent Anglo-American arbitration tribunal.

Bitter feelings continue to prevail in Spain against the United States, though President Cleveland has shown no disposition to follow the course suggested by the resolutions of Congress. There has been no apparent change in the condition of things in Cuba. Spain is finding it increasingly difficult to borrow money with which to carry on the war.

The five leaders of the Johannesburg Reform Committee who were sentenced to death for high treason against the Transvaal Republic have had their sentences commuted to imprisonment for five years. The diplomatic game between Mr. Chamberlain and President Krüger still goes on with the advantages on the side of "Uncle Paul." The Transvaal Republic seems strongly inclined to declare itself absolutely independent of Great Britain.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Business Meeting of the American Peace Society was held in Pilgrim Hall, Congregational House, Boston, at 2.30 p. m., May 13.

Robert Treat Paine, President of the Society, was in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. L. H. Angier of Boston, who has been for more than fifty years a member of the Society.

On motion Miss G. B. Birdsall was appointed Secretary for the meeting. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

President Paine, in a few well chosen words, called attention to the enlarged opportunities of the past year for promoting the cause of arbitration and peace, to the advances which it has made, and urged the Society to greater activity in the future.

On motion a committee, consisting of Rev. C. B. Smith, Rev. G. W. Stearns, Rev. S. C. Bushnell, and Mr. William E. Sheldon, was appointed to bring forward the names of officers to serve the Society the coming year.

The report of the Treasurer was then read. It showed that the sum of \$5497.50 had been received during the year, and that the sum of \$5419.19 had been paid out, leaving a balance of \$78.31 in the hands of the Treasurer, with unpaid bills against the Society to the amount of \$578.95.

The Secretary explained that for unavoidable reasons the Auditor's report was not present.

On motion the Treasurer's report was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee to be placed on file, after it should be audited, and approved by the Committee.

The annual report of the Board of Directors was then read by the General Secretary. It was voted that the report be accepted and approved, and that it be published in the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE*. (The report is given in full on page 135.) After making some remarks on the report of the Directors, and on the cruel persecutions in Armenia, Rev. L. H. Angier presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That while we recognize the validity of the principle upon which the American Peace Society is founded, namely, "that all war is contrary to the spirit of the gospel," we are by no means to put an interpretation upon that declaration incompatible with the principle laid down, and the duty enjoined, in the Golden Rule, as enunciated by the Prince of Peace.

Discussion followed as to the liability of the resolution to be misconstrued by members not present and by those outside of the Society, and on motion it was laid on the table.

The Committee on nomination of officers for the coming year then made its report through Mr. Sheldon. The Committee suggested that the place of Auditor be left

vacant to be filled later by the Executive Committee. On motion of the General Secretary, W. E. Sheldon was unanimously elected Auditor. The rest of the report of the Committee was then adopted, and the persons nominated for president, vice-president, general secretary and for members of the Board of Directors were unanimously elected.

The Secretary reported that all those who were elected last year to fill the offices of the Society had accepted.

On motion, the appointment of delegates to attend the Universal Peace Congress to be held in September of this year at Buda-Pesth, Austria, was referred to the Executive Committee.

After some informal remarks by members, the meeting adjourned.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

*Mr. President and Members of the American Peace Society:*

The Board of Directors appointed at your annual meeting in May last beg leave to submit the following report:

During the year now closing three members of the Board have been removed from us by death, viz., Dr. A. A. Miner, Mr. J. E. Farwell, and Mr. C. T. Dunham. The able and devoted services of all these, extending in each case through many years, are so well known and fresh in the memory of all as to need no comment.

It may not be invidious to record that Mr. Farwell, besides being a member of the Board for twenty-one years, had been the Society's printer for over thirty years, and that his liberality had at times much relieved the treasury when in lack of resources.

The year has not been without its losses also in the general membership of the Society, a number of vice-presidents, life members and others having been taken away. On the other hand, the greatly increased general interest in the cause of arbitration and peace during recent months has brought to our list a considerable number of new members.

#### GENERAL WORK OF THE BOARD.

The general work of the Board has not varied materially from that of former years. Regular meetings of the Board have been held every two months, except in July, and occasional meetings of the Executive Committee when required. The meetings of the Board have been well attended, and we have tried to take advantage of all suitable occasions to make the influence of the Society felt and to disseminate its principles in the public mind.

#### SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Board was held on the 23d of December during the excitement occasioned by President Cleveland's Venezuela message. The meeting was largely attended, and the result of the earnest and lengthy deliberations was the issuance of a manifesto strongly deprecating the idea of a war between the United States and Great Britain, insisting that there should be no

break in the growing friendly relations between them, and declaring again the necessity of arbitration in all international disputes incapable of settlement by diplomacy. This declaration was published in full in the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE*, in the city press, and given to the associated press of the country. At the regular meeting of the Board in January a resolution was adopted and given to the city and associated press, urging the speedy establishment of a permanent system of Anglo-American arbitration, in order that not only wars may be prevented but also the paralyzing effects of war scares.

#### PUBLICATIONS.

Our monthly publications, the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE* and the *ANGEL OF PEACE*, have been continued under the editorial care of the Secretary. The interest in the *ADVOCATE* has continued to increase. By means of special contributions and aid received from various sources, the paper is sent to ministers, teachers, to all college and university reading rooms in the United States, to those of Young Men's Christian Associations and to public libraries. On account of the growing interest in international peace, the time is opportune for a much wider distribution of the paper than heretofore. An edition of fifty thousand copies could be circulated with great advantage, if funds were at our disposal with which to do it.

#### GENERAL LITERATURE.

The demand for literature on all phases of the subject of peace, especially on international arbitration, has been much greater than at any previous time in recent years. We have distributed, either by sale or gratuitously, a considerable number of the standard works on the subject, such as Sumner's "True Grandeur of Nations," the Baroness Von Suttner's "Lay Down Your Arms," Dymond's "Essay on War," etc. For fresh pamphlet literature, reports of conferences, etc., treating of the latest developments of the peace movement, the demand has been especially large. This demand the Secretary has tried to meet, as far as our limited funds have permitted, by securing a number of carefully-prepared pamphlets giving the best historic information and the latest considerations put forward in support of the necessity and practicability of international peace. These pamphlets, about a dozen in number, we have had electrotyped, so that they can be furnished to societies and workers at merely nominal rates.

#### PUBLIC WORK.

In addition to editorial work and conducting a large correspondence our Secretary has during the year given, by invitation, a number of public addresses. Members of the Board, together with other members of the Society, attended and took part in the Mohonk Arbitration Conference in June last, the convention in Philadelphia on Washington's birthday, and the recent National Conference in Washington. A very important meeting of citizens of Boston was held in February at the home of the President of this Society, on his invitation, though not under the direct auspices of the Society. This meeting was called to co-operate with citizens of other cities and sections of the country in promoting the matter of a permanent system of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain.

#### CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES.

No year in the history of the peace movement has been